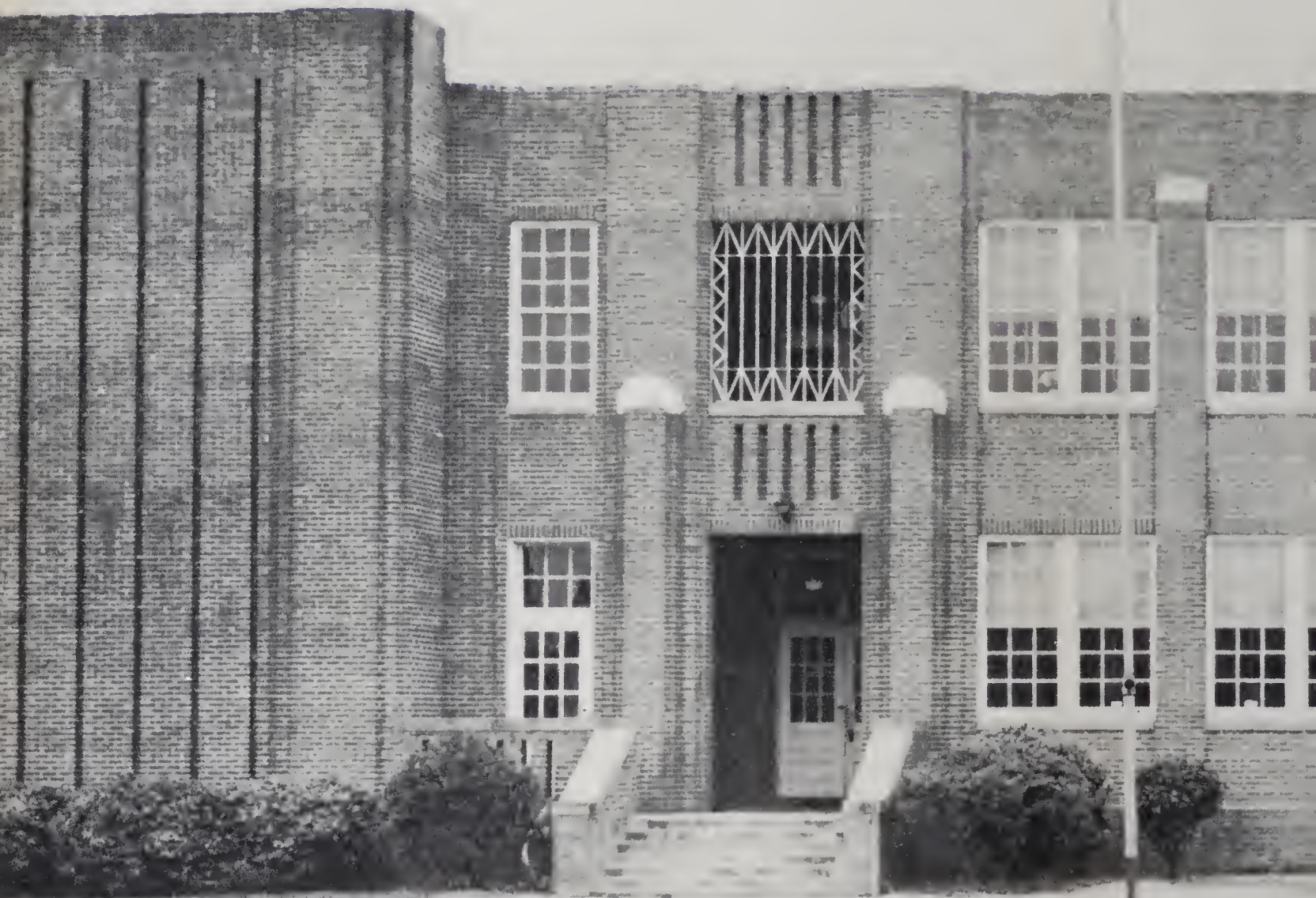




Hickory Stick

W. C. Latham



Walter C. Latham
Personal Book





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The 1951 Hickory Stick





Dedication

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1951, dedicate this edition of our school annual, *The Hickory Stick*, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Mills, our Senior Class Advisor. It is our purpose to show deep appreciation to her for the many ways she has helped us on this our last mile of the journey through school. In all things she has proved to be "a friend in deed and a friend in need".

FACULTY



Faculty



Principal



Walter
Latham



Seated (Left to right): Mrs. Sam Dewar, Commerce; Miss Mary Mills, English and French; Mrs. Walter Latham, Social Studies; Miss Nora Lee Hinnant, Home Economics; Mrs. Ralph Highsmith, Eighth Grade.

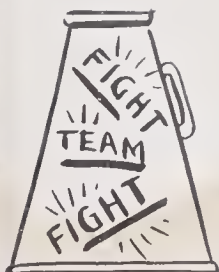
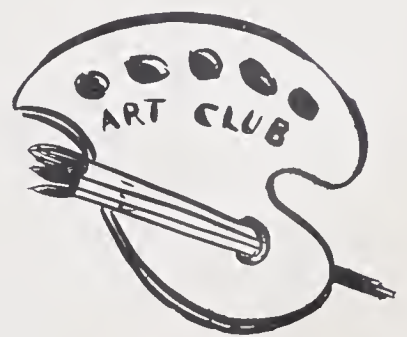
Standing: Mr. Sam Dewar, Agriculture; Mr. Alton Gray, Natural Sciences; Mr. Walter Latham, Mathematics.

School Board



Mr. C. W. Everett
Mr. J. V. Taylor, Sr.
Mr. L. N. James, Chairman

Mr. W. C. Latham, Principal
Mr. W. C. House
Dr. C. G. Garrenton, Secretary



SENIORS



SENIOR

Low Down



Senior Class Officers

Seated (Left to right): Inez Manning, Secretary; Beth Briley, President; Fred Keel, Vice President; Doris Whichard, Treasurer.

Standing: Toddy Smith, Program Chairman.

MOTTO

"TOWARD NEW HORIZONS"

COLORS

NAVY BLUE AND WHITE

FLOWER

RED ROSE

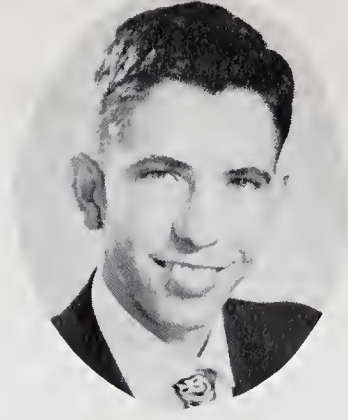




FRED KEEL
Best All-Around



TODDY SMITH
Most Likely to Succeed
Best All-Around
Prettiest



CARROLL ALEXANDER
Most Likely to Succeed
Most Dependable



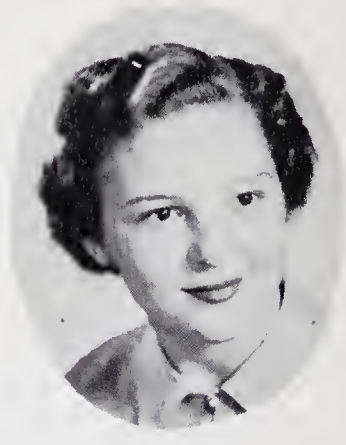
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Most Dependable



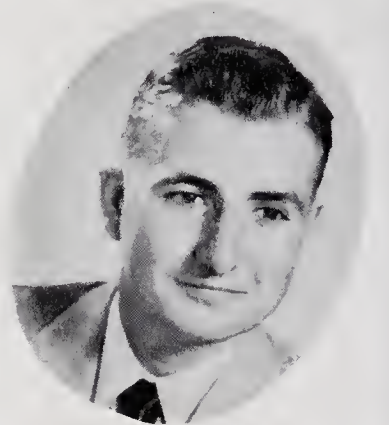
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Most Studios



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Best Looking
Friendliest



BETH BRILEY
Most Popular
Friendliest



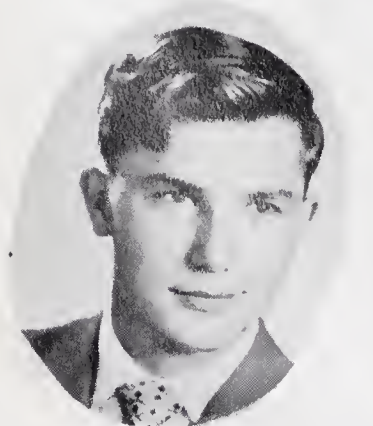
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Most Studios



GENE ANDERSON
Most Popular



JOHN NELSON
Most Athletic



DALTON WHITEHURST
Best Dressed



KATHERINE MOBLEY
Most Praiseworthy



JOE WHITEHURST
Scholastic Improvement



ANGELIN HYMAN
Best Dressed
Most Athletic



CARROLL ALEXANDER
F.F.A. 1; Beta Club 2,3,4, Vice-President 3, President 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Student Council President 4; Alpha Theta 1; Business Manager of Annual Staff 4.



*Mr. Sathin,
I have enjoyed being
your student very much.
I like the way you teach.
Best of
Carroll*

GENE ANDERSON
F.F.A. 1,2,3; Basketball 2,3,4; Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4.

SUE BLAND
Alpha Theta 1; Cheerleader 1,2; Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Bee Hive 3; Student Council 4; Vice-President 1,3; Annual Assistant Editor.

BETH BRILEY
Basketball 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 3; Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Secretary 3; Treasurer 4; Bee Hive 3,4; Editor 4; Student Council 3; Secretary & Treasurer 2; President of Senior Class.



BERTIE LEE CHAPMAN
F.B.L.A. 4; Snak Tunnel 4; Assistant Business Manager of Annual Staff 4; Underclass Editor of Annual 4.

MARGARET BRILEY
Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 4.

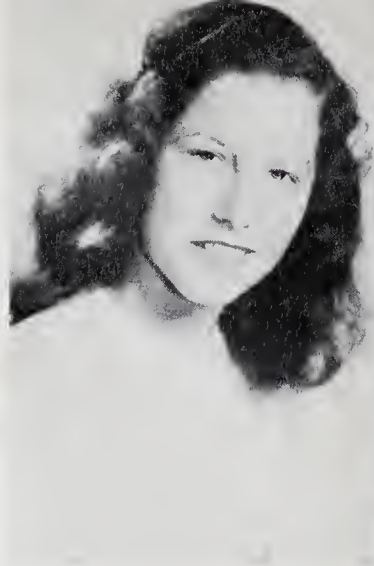


KATHERINE MOBLEY

Glee Club 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3;
Class Reporter 2; 4-H Club 1,2; Snak Tunnel 4; Sr. Class Editor for Annual 4.

FRED KEEL

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Asst. Annual Circulation Mgr. 4; Basketball 2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Vice-Pres. 4; Snak Tunnel 4; Alpha Theta 1.



ANGELINE HYMAN

Tarbara: Dramatics Club 1; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Band Majorette 2.
Bethel: F.H.A. Song Leader 2,3,4; Beta Club 3,4; Bee Hive Staff Bus. Mgr 3,4, Sports Ed. 3,4; Annual Staff Club Ed. 4, Photographer Ed. 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Snak Tunnel 3,4; F.B.L.A. 2,3,4; Teacher's Aid 3,4; Sec. & Treas. of Junior Class 3.



IRMA PARKER

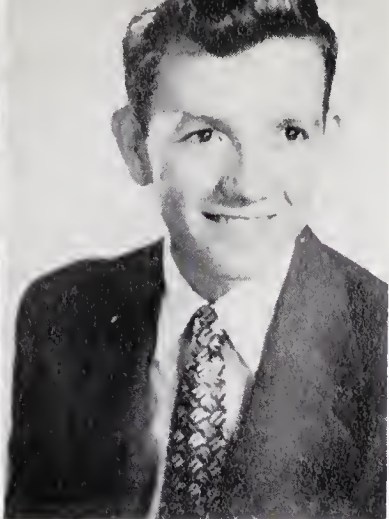


INEZ MANNING

4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Class Secretary 4.

JOHN NELSON

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Sports Editor of Annual 4.



TODDY SMITH

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Capt. 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Chief 1,3; Snak Tunnel 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; President 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Vice-Pres. 4; Bee Hive Staff 3,4; Student Council 2; Pres. Junior Class; Pres. Freshman Class; Program Chairman Senior Class; Alpha Theta 1; Glee Club 1; Annual Editor-in-Chief 4; F.H.A. Local; Song-leader, President; County: Vice-Pres., Pres.; District: Pres.; State: Historian, N. C. Representative at Florida State Fair, National Public Relations Committee member; Librarian 4.

BILLY ROLLINS

F.F.A. 1,2,3; F.B.L.A. 3,4.

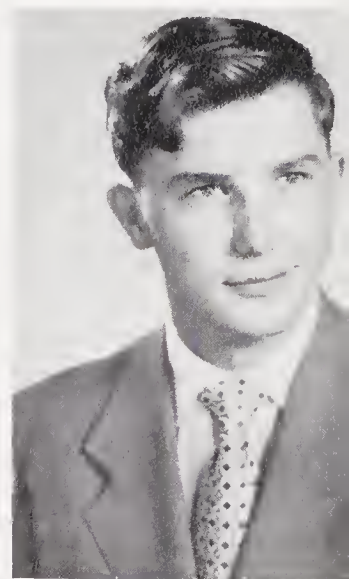


DORIS ANN WHICHARD

Glee Club 1; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Sec.-Treas. 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Treas. 4; Bee Hive 3,4; Librarian 4; Snak Tunnel 3,4; Program Chairman 3; 4-H Club 3,4; Pres. 4; Teacher's Aid 3,4; Annual Circulation Manager 4; Class Treasurer 4.

DALTON WHITEHURST

F.F.A. 1,2,3; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Bee Hive Advertisement Manager 3.

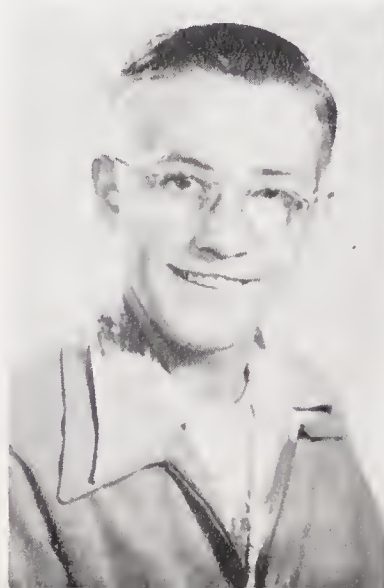


J. H. WHITEHURST

Beta Club 2; Student Council 2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3; Alpha Theta 1.

JOE WHITEHURST

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4.



Class History

In the fall of 1939, 22 eager children started up the stairway of education. Standing on the first step to welcome us was Miss Matt Exum who is now Mrs. L. N. James. She was an excellent one to introduce us to the educational field because she was patient and very understanding. On the second step we were guided by two teachers. During the first half of this year Mrs. Burroughs was our teacher. However, at Christmas we were greeted by a new teacher Miss Byrd. We were gradually advancing the stairway of learning. Miss Margaret Elliot was the helper we found on the 3rd step. Miss Mayo, who is now Mrs. William Andrews, waited on the 4th step for us, and this year proved to be very profitable for us. On the 5th step we found Mrs. Cary Hammond standing. Mrs. Hammond seemed to be very eager to help us to find our way to the 6th step. We found Miss Bass, who is now Mrs. Ronald Riddick, there. She was willing to help us in any way she possibly could. As we planned to leave the Grammar School Building, we looked down the stairway we had climbed and thought of the numerous happenings and the many enriching experiences we had had.

Going to the High School Building was quite an experience for us. The 7th step was the starting of our sojourn at the High School Building. Mrs. Connie Whitehurst was to be our 7th grade guide. She was anxious to help us in learning the new routine of the High School life. On the eighth step we had two helpers. During the first half of the year we had Mrs. James Foster. At Christmas she left us to join her husband in California. Taking her place was Mr. Malcolm McWhorter. He was our final guide in grammar school.

Starting us in the 9th grade and the very important first step of high school was Mrs. Tommy Tucker. We were an eager group for we had actually started to grow up; although for a long time we had already had the impression that we were almost grown. We were lucky to have Miss Nora Lee Hinnant on the 10th step as home room teacher. On the 11th step things really began to happen. We learned very vividly what extra-curricular activities meant. Having Mrs. W. C. Latham as our home room teacher we had a very exciting year.

We worked hard and long to give a Junior-Senior banquet which we shall never forget. To us it was the best ever given. The year was filled with many busy projects; giving a junior play was hard work but it proved to be fun and great experience. Selling Christmas cards was also exciting. I think our year's work was worth the trouble. Here we are on the 12th and final step of High School. Standing by to guide us and help us climb upward is Miss Mary E. Mills. The two big events of this year are the annual and graduation. Having such a wonderful book to bring back our old and wonderful memories is something to be proud of. Miss Mills is helping us with all the touching-up jobs. Our school history would not have been complete without Miss Mills. She is as understanding as one could be.

Other helping hands along our way have been our principal, Mr. Walter Latham and the following teachers: Mrs. Sam DeWar, Mr. Sam DeWar, Mr. Alton Gray, and Mrs. Jesse Lamm. All of the above mentioned have given us good instruction and much valuable advice.

Our stairway seems to be endless. We plan to continue going up the stairway of education. In various occupations and services, we hope to move upward and onward until life's end.



Ended Are Our School Days

Ended are our school days.
Now the time has come
For us to depart, dear friends,
Even though we feel we've just begun.

Our goal in high school has been reached
For which twelve years we have striven.
We smile, yet we hate to leave behind
Our many friends and teachers so kind.

May we each have learned a lesson
That through life we'll never forget.
That in order for life to be worth-while,
We must give our best each and every mile.

To our teachers who have so patiently
helped us
Through the many conquests we've had to face,
We owe a debt of deepest gratitude
For no one else could have taken your place.

To you who are now rising up in our places,
Take care and do not tarnish the name,
Of our dear Bethel High School
But be sure to add to its lasting fame.

Farewell, dear school and faculty.
The time is nearing for us to go.
The name of Bethel High School
We'll always cherish
Because we'll always love you so.

Class Poet
Inez Manning



Class Prophecy

In the five years that I have been married, I have made it my hobby to keep up with my classmates back in the class of 1951. My scrapbook of clippings about them is big and fat now, for that was quite a class and full of people who have become famous in the ten years since our graduation.

Beth Briley, now married and living here in the same town as I, dropped by to see me the other day and was telling me about how well Dalton Whitehurst is doing since he has taken over his father's business. Beth said she had just seen Doris Whichard down at the bus station. She was on her way back to Washington, D. C. Doris is now the supervisor of the largest Kindergarten School in Washington.

Every evening I look forward to receiving The Daily Reflector, which is now edited by Gene Anderson. He often supplies me with the articles about my former classmates to add to my ever-growing collection. In last week's paper I saw where Sue Bland, now a laboratory technician in a big hospital in Chicago, will be home on her vacation next week. Also there was an article in the paper about Joe Whitehurst, who is a Lieutenant in our armed forces, coming home for a couple of weeks.

Now, in the bridal section there was a large write-up and a picture of our former Inez Manning. Inez was married last week in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte. Rev. Carroll Alexander presided over the wedding. He is now pastor of that church.

The next page in my scrapbook is full of magazine clippings from the State Magazine. Yes, we have quite a few who have made the headlines in the State. Working in our capital building is Bertie Lee Chapman, secretary to Governor John Nelson. And down the hall a ways is the office of Senator J. H. Whitehurst.

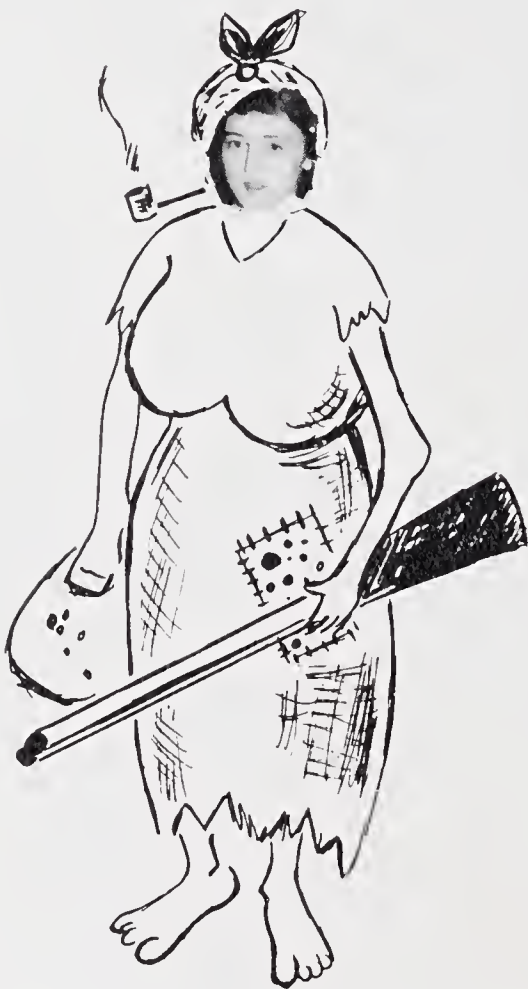
Also in Raleigh are Margaret Briley and Katherine Mobley, nurses at Rex Hospital. I received a letter from Katherine the other day and she said that Toddy Smith was there for a rest before she has her next piano concert at Carnegie Hall. She also told me that Billy Rollins was an interne there and that he would get his degree in a couple of months. We all thought, back in High School, that Billy would be our only farmer, but it looks as if we were all fooled.

I have one page in my book devoted to Fred Keel, who is

now playing on the All American Basketball team, and the victories his team has won.

That was a grand group of boys and girls in the class of 1951. I feel sure that as the years go by my scrapbook will become much, much larger than it already is.

Class Prophetess
Angelin Hyman



Last Will and Testament

State of North Carolina
County of Pitt
Township of Bethel

Know ye by these presents that we, the class of 1951 of Bethel High School, of Bethel, North Carolina, do hereby make this our last will and testament.

Article I

1. To our parents, we leave our deepest appreciation and gratitude for making our education possible.
2. To the faculty we wish to express our deepest appreciation for everything they have done for us, to guide us through our school years, and also for the many pleasures they gave to us while doing this.
3. We the Senior Class leave to the Freshmen our ability to keep quiet.
4. We the Senior Class leave to the Sophomores our excess knowledge, if there is any.
5. We the Senior Class leave to the Juniors the Senior privileges we didn't have.

Article II

1. I, Doris Whichard, leave my love and affection for small children, especially for the first grade, to Lexine Rollins or Grace Whitehurst.
2. I, Anglin Hyman, leave my sports column in the Bee-Hive to Jean Cullifer and my devotion to my man to Joyce Beverly.
3. I, Joe Whitehurst, leave my quietness to Cecil Whitehurst and Eugene McLawhon.
4. I, Beth Briley, leave my editor-ship to Mavis W.
5. I, Gene Anderson, leave my place on the senior class roll to Jack Rollins and to Vance Earl White I leave my black curly hair.
6. I, John Nelson, leave my height to Bobby Gene Manning and to Lindsay Whitehurst I leave my ability to play basketball.
7. I, Carroll Alexander, leave my superlatives to Earl Johnson and to Jimmy Staton I leave my presidency of the Student Council.

8. I, Bertie Lee Chapman, leave my love for commercial studies to Dolly Whitfield and to Ruby Scott my place on the Annual Staff.
9. I, Dalton Whitehurst, leave my senior privileges to J. W. Smith.
10. I, Katherine Mobley, leave my place on the Annual Staff to Thelma Mobley and to Louise Davenport my ability to learn.
11. I, Margaret Briley, leave my ability to finish high school to Joyce Weatherby and Betty Scott.
12. I, Sue Bland, leave my love for studying to Clarie Wilson and to Lecky McWhorter my history award.
13. I, Toddy Smith, leave my superlatives to Ruth Whitley and my argyle socks to Bob Bowers.
14. I, Billy Rollins, leave my friendly ways to Wyatt Earl Meeks.
15. I, Inez Manning, leave my job as secretary of the senior class to Nancy Whitehurst and to Geraldine White my love for Belvior.
16. I, J. H. Whitehurst, leave my ability to make good grades after staying out late every night to Cleve Burton, Jr.
17. I, Fred Keel, leave my way with women to Billy Barnhill.

Doris Whichard
Testator





Mascots

Harry Latham, Patsy Jo Gurganus

JUNIORS





BILLY BARNHILL



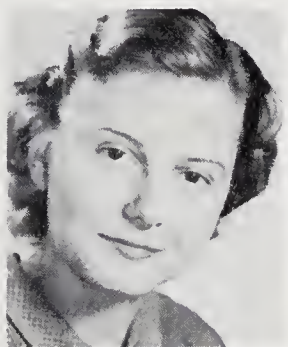
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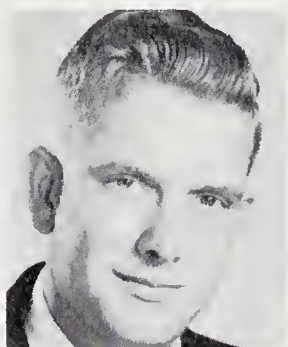
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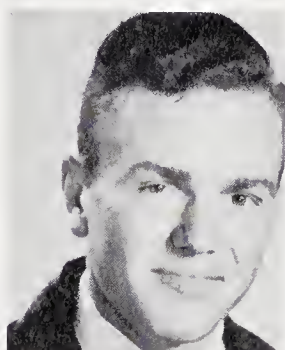
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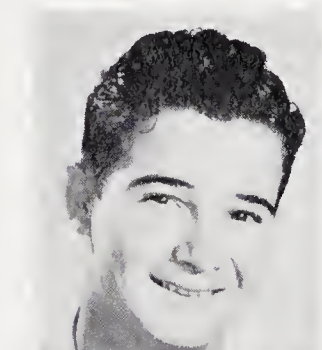
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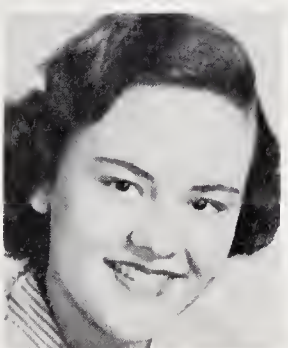
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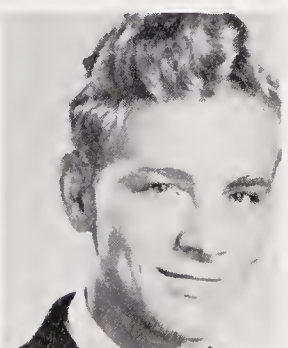
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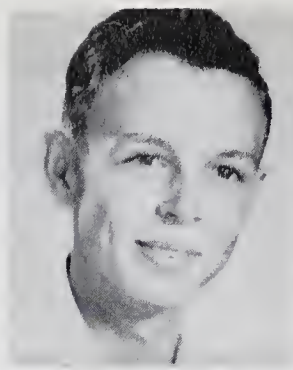
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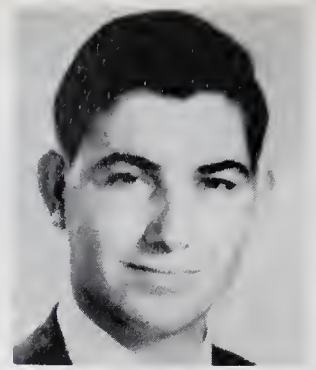
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Pres.



RUBY SCOTT



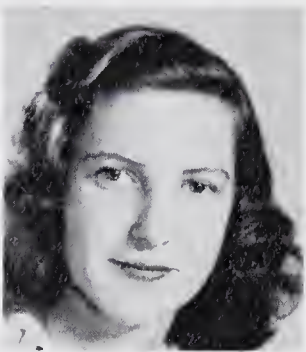
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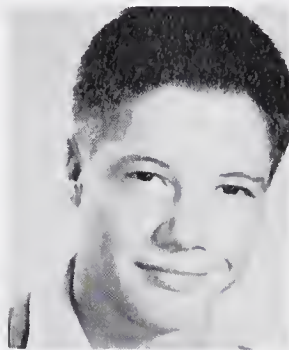
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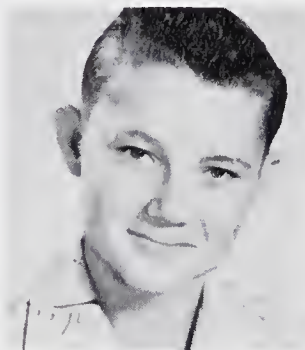
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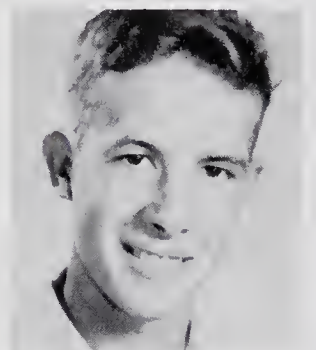
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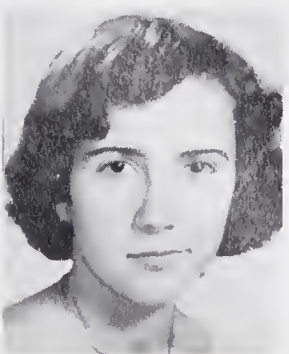
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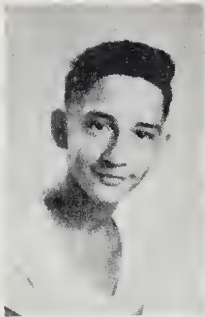


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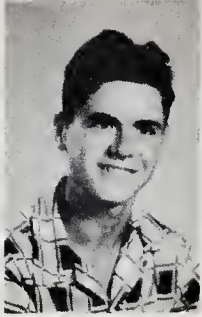




BUDDY
BENTON



ANGUS BOWERS
Vice-Pres.



EDWARD EARL
BRILEY



HERMAN RAY
BRILEY



LULA BELLE
BRILEY



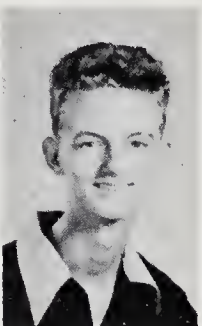
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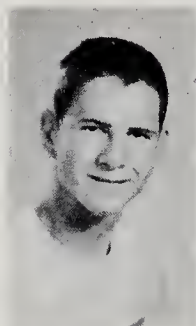
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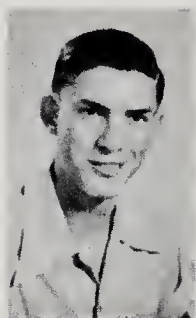
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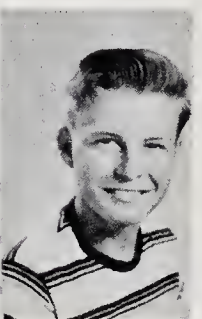
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Pres.



MARY RUGGLES
TETTERTON



JACK
WYNNE



ERNELL
WILSON



NORMA
WILLIAMSON, Treas.



FRESHMEN





Betty Marie
Andrews



Carrie Ayers
Sec.-Treas.



Corine
Briley



James
Briley



Peggy
Bullock



Edith
Daughtie



Bill
Edmonson



Dolores
Ford



B. F.
Goodall



Lois
Griffin



Betty Jean
Harrell



Marie
Hux



Michael
House



Betsy
James



Lois
James



Newbie
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William
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Betty Jean
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Sherre
Latham



Ann
Marquette



Barbara
Morris



Fred Pollard
Vice Pres.



John
Pritchard



Billy
Roberson



Billy
Strickland



Doris
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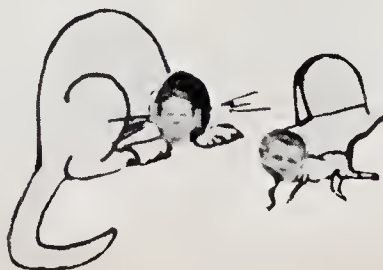
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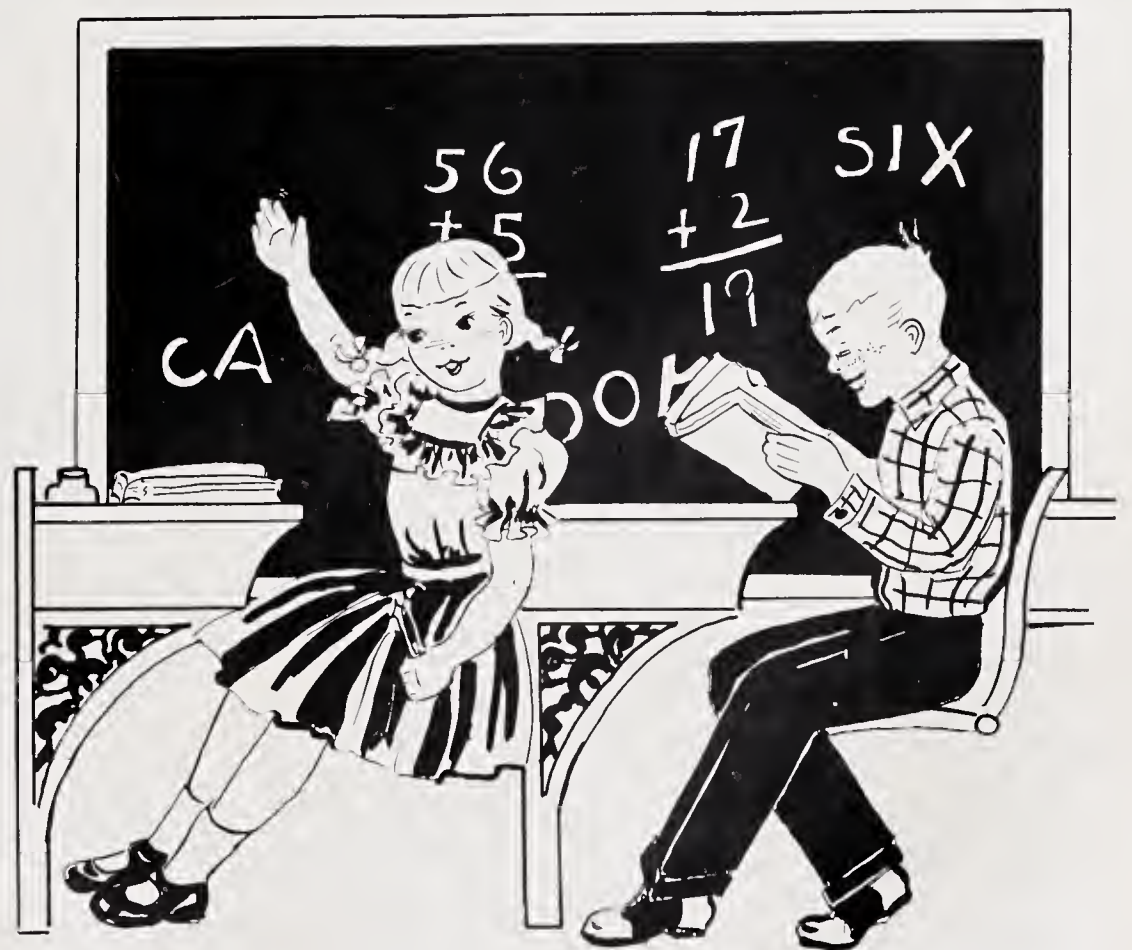
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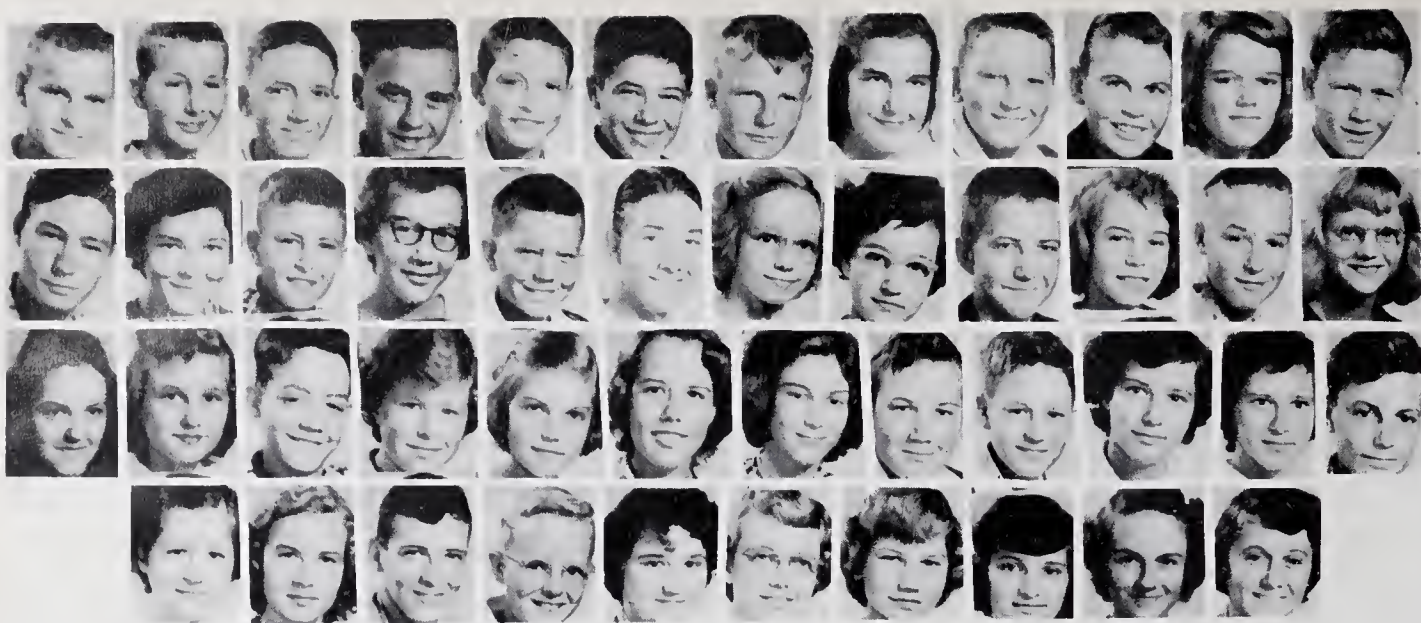


Janelle Whitley



GRADES





Eighth Grade

Top Row (Left to right): Lee Alfred, Dan Andrews, Dalton Briley, Earl Butler, J. B. Briley, Herbert Lee Briley, Marcus Briley, Rebecca Briley, Sammy T. Carson, Lawrence Cobb, Peggy Crisp, James Davenport.

Second Row: Marion Eakes, Christian Flanican, James Gurganus, Shirley Ann Hardy, Sherwood Harrell, Frank Harris, Janice Hux, Mary Lois Ivy, Ralph Jacobs, Janie Johnson, Sec., Carlton Keel, Ruth Keel.

Third Row: Lee Anna Knox, Ilin Lewis, Pres., L. H. Lewis, Hattie Jean Manning, Mary Ann Manning, Treas., Margaret Rose Powell, Ann Riddick, Billy Station, Marshall Tetterton, Ann Weathersby, V. Pres., Annette Weathersby, David Weathersby.

Fourth Row: Barbara Whichard, Anna White, Sherwood White, Bobby Whitehurst, Mary France Whitehurst, Patricia Whitehurst, Shirley Jean Whitehurst, Mary Whitley, Shirley Wilson, Mary Jo Wynne.

Not Pictured: Rebecca Keel.

Angela Hyman
**Junkies*

Joddy Smith

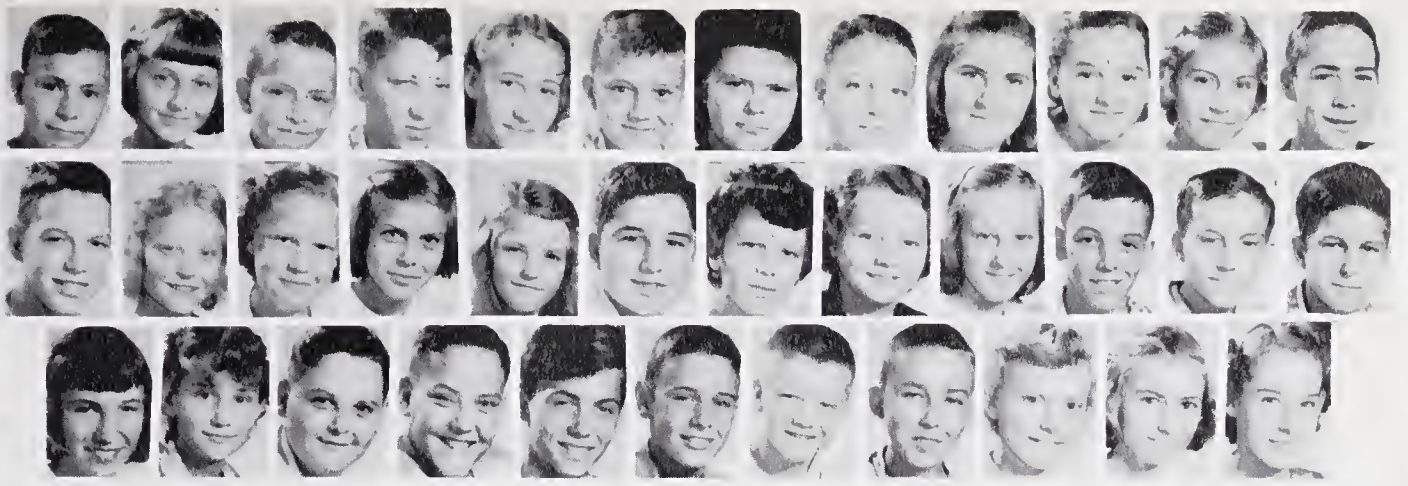
Beth Briley

Bertie Lee Chapman

Sue Bland

John Nelson





Seventh Grade

Top Row (Left to right): Larry Anderson, Gladys Bland, Charlie Briley, Alton Bryant, Frances Bryant, Marvin Butler, Shelby Carson, Tom Carson, Jacqueline Davenport, Patricia Davenport, Shirley Griffin, Wilson Hatchel.

Middle Row: Bobby James, Ann Keel, Dorothy Keel, Geraldine Keel, Shirley Keel, Bryan Latham, Barbara Leggett, Gail Lewis, Joyce Manning, Horace Menhenhall, Jesse Mobley, Leroy Mobley.

Bottom Row: Reba Padgett, Peggy Roberson, Jimmy Simmons, Butch Smith, Jerry Strickland, Wadie Ward (Secretary), Durwood White, Jenny Lee Whitehurst (President), Peggy Whitehurst, Ronald Whitehurst, Lois Williams.

Not Pictured: Mrs. McWhorter, Teacher; Jean Briley.

Fred Keel *Alton Whitehurst* *Joyce Manning* *Lois Whitehurst* *Shirley Keel*
Billy Rollins *Margaret Briley* *J. H. Whitehurst*





First Grade

Top Row (Left to right): Bobby Bell, Edith Briley, Mavis Butler, Bert Carson, Jr., Gene Carson, Rufus Carson, Janet Cobb, Artie Davidson, Don Dewar, Joan Garrenten, Grace James, Linda Jones.

Bottom Row: Janelle Keel, Jimmy Keel, Jimmy Lewis, Randy Marshall, Emma Padget, Alma Respass, Janice Scott, Bobby Smith, Jo Ann Whitehurst, Sammie Whitehurst, Brenda Williams.

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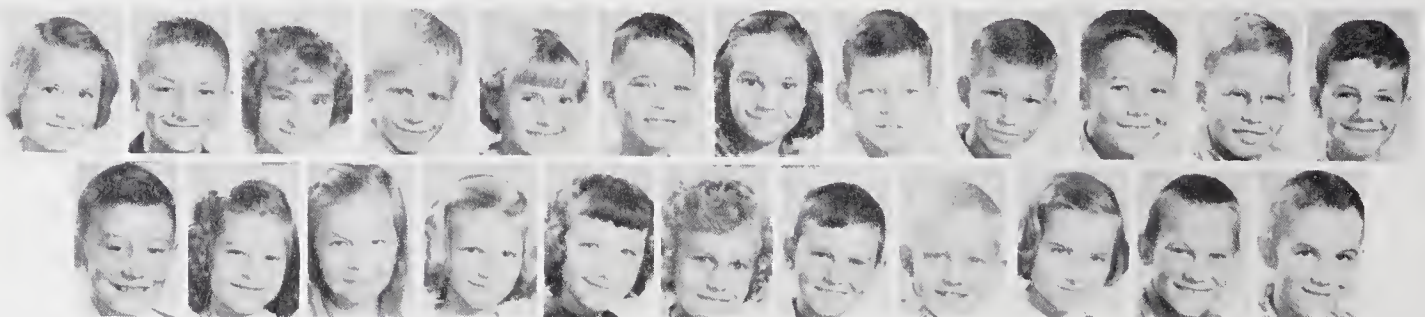


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Bottom Row: Harvey Rae Lewis, Tommy Malloy, Carolyn Manning, Billy Martin, Edgar Mobley, Margaret Nelson, Danny Rollins, Jimmy Scott, Faye Smith, John Smith, Peggy Strickland, Ann Taylor, Ray Warren, Marshall Whitehurst.

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Third Grade

Top Row (Left to right): Gertie Beachman, Walter Bland, Linda Briley, George Brown, Faye Griffin, David Hatchel, Peggy Ivery, Jackie James, Gene Jones, Gene Keel, Ray Keel, Troy Knox.

Bottom Row: Richard Lewis, Malese Mazingo, Marcene Respass, Carol Roberson, Beverly Staton, Bobby Strickland, Buddy Whitehurst, Carrie Lee Whitehurst, Shirley Whitehurst, Dalton Williams, Jerry Williams.

Not Pictured: Mrs. Thomas, Teacher.





Fourth Grade

Top Row (Left to right): Jean Aman, Dorothy Bell, Robert Briley, Elizabeth Butler, Josephine Butler, Patricia Carson, Ellis Cullifer, Judy Cullifer, Kenneth Glory, Jimmy Hardy, Donald Hatchel, James L. Ivery.

Bottom Row: Ann Mozingo, Mavis Padgett, C. B. Robinson, Kay Rogerson, Horace Scott, Jean Simmons, Charles Strickland, Buddy Taylor, Laurel Thigpen, Jack Whichard, Franklin Whitehurst, Jr., Olivia Whitehurst.

Not Pictured: Mrs. Thomas, Teacher



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Bottom Row: Gerald Malloy, Charlie Padgett, Faye Rose, Bobby Scott, Janet Taylor, John Edward Whitehurst, Judy Whitehurst, Tommy Whitehurst, Lee Williams.

Not Pictured: Mrs. Warren, Teacher



Sixth Grade

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Middle Row: Dennis Knox, Joseph Lassiter, Ann Manning, Carl Manning, Edward Manning, Lona Manning, Danny Martin, Rose Padgett, Dalton Respass, Janie Rollins, Roy Scott, Vance Taylor.

Bottom Row: Charles Ward, Nancy Whichard, Aldine White, Willard White, Benny Whitehurst, Kenneth Whitehurst, Ruel Whitehurst, Kenneth Williams.

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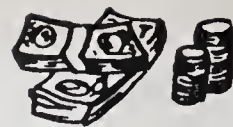
Lecky McWhorter, Toddy Smith, Jeane Cullifer, Chief; Joyce Beverly, Janie Ruth Edmondson.

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Standing: B. F. Goodall, Jule Pollard, Ruth Lois Griffin, Earl Johnson, Janie Johnson, Marshall Tetterton.

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Third Row: Nancy Whitehurst, Ruth Whitley, Lecky McWhorter, Dollie Whitfield, Margaret Briley, Inez Manning, Bertie Lee Chapman.

Fourth Row: Lindsay Whitehurst, Eugene McLawhorn, Cleve Burton, Jr., Joe Whitehurst, Louise Davenport, Daphne Weathersby, Joyce Weathersby, Joyce Beverly, Jeane Cullifer.

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Fifth Row: Sybil Weathersby, Carrie Ayres, Betty Jean Keel, Jane Morris, Joyce Beverly, Jean Cullifer.

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Fourth Row: Becky Keel, Billy Staton, Allene Lewis, Margaret Rose Powell, Shirley Ann Hardy, David Jacobs.

Fifth Row: Marine Eakes, Albert Whichard, Walter Latham, Principal.



4-H Club



7.7.G.

First Row (Left to right): Mr. Dewar, Billy Whitehurst, Bradley Gray, R. I. Taylor, Jimmy Smith, John Pritchard, Bill Edmondson, James Earl Whitley.

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Third Row: James Briley, William Jones, Billy Rollins, Edward Earl Briley, Billy Strickland, B. B. Tetterton, Dalton Council.

Fourth Row: Fred Pollard, J. W. Smith, Wyatt E. Meeks, Bobbie Lewis, Cecil Riddick, J. H. Whitehurst.

Fifth Row: Bruton Edmondson, Angus Bowers, William Whitehurst, Joe Whitehurst, Bobby Edmondson, Vance E. White.

Sixth Row: Lewis Manning, David Jacobs, Fred Keel, John Nelson, Larry Tetterton, Albert Whichard, Lewis Mullen.





SPORTS



Girls' Varsity



Top Row (Left to right): Barbara Morris, Jane Morris, Claire Wilson
Geraldine White, Angelin Hyman.

Middle Row: Joyce Wilson, Isabel Taylor, Beth Briley, Lecky McWhorter.

Bottom Row: Sybil Weathersby, Carrie Ayres, Joyce Beverly, Toddy
Smith, Jeane Cullifer.

Coach, Alton Grey; Captain, Toddy Smith.

Front Row (Left to right): Eugene McLawhorn, Earl Johnson, Lindsay
Whitehurst, Bobby Gene Manning, Vance White.

Back Row: Coach Latham, Jule Pollard, Fred Keel, John Nelson, David
Jacobs, Gene Anderson, Assistant Coach Dewar.



Boys' Varsity

Well, we're off again. Nine straight victories without any losses this season. The wise guys say that the Bethel boys are already a "shoo-in" for the county tournament and should go far in the state eliminations. What do I think? It is too early in the season to know. We have not met any of our mortal enemies thus far. Judging from the games played we seem to have as good or better team this year than ever before. It is true we do not have the height we had in 1948 and 1949 but the first five boys can outshoot any high school teams I have seen. We do not have as much reserve strength as a team needs to have a really great season but as long as the boys have the determination to hustle and play winning ball we shall try to live up to the name that Bethel has acquired in Basketball throughout North Carolina.

There are three seniors on the basketball team; John Nelson, our high scoring center, called a "natural" by former college basketball players. His work under the basket with his twist and fakes followed by a high percentage of "hits" is outstanding. (2) Fred Keel the other tall boy who plays regular left forward is a "honey". His speed is very deceptive. He never appears fast, doesn't look like he can jump, but the great part is that he always gets there, taps the ball on the jumps, and does his part of the accurate shooting on the side and close in. Fred is a good rebound man. The other senior is Gene Autry Anderson. He is not quite as accurate as the movie cowboy Autry when shooting, but he gets hot streaks and looked like a flash in the Stokes game. We are depending on Gene to bolster the first line of the forward wall when he is needed.

We have five juniors on the first ten men on the varsity. They are Bobby Gene Manning, Earl Johnson, Vance White, Lindsay Whitehurst, and Eugene McLawhon. Of course everyone knows Bobby Gene will pour them in if you leave him open. He has been handicapped by height but is taller this year. He is a ball hawk both on defense and offense and the right forward position doesn't go lacking when he is around. His best maneuver is his fast drive and "stop on a dime" shot. He's very accurate on four shooting. Earl Johnson has provided us with more real defensive help than anyone since the time of the original "Red Head" Earl. Earl Johnson really fights for the ball at all times and he usually comes out with it no matter if he has to pay with some of the skin off his knees. He has learned there are two ends to the court and has started "popping" them from most anywhere. Vance White is a "comer". He is up from the Jr. Varsity of last year and if he can keep from making personals, he will do us a great deal of good this year. He is also a scrapper and takes his games seriously. Vance has the determination that it takes to make a great ball player. Lindsay is not a bad ball player. He is still not grown and can move. He is a good guard but does not capitalize on his scoring opportunities. He is good insurance to have around on the defensive end. Eugene McLawhon is the English finger artist who can knock the piano or put the right on the basketball. He and Lindsay will both see plenty of action this year as well as the year coming up. Both have excellent competitive dispositions and are not mean about waiting for their time. It is a pleasure to have such nice fellows around.

Jule Pollard and David Jacobs are the sophomores on the team and round out the squad of ten men. Jule is a graduate of the Mishemowka Camp for ambitious basketball players. While there, he was under the watchful eye of the famous Bubas. Jacobs came to us this year and has never competed in basketball before. As one observer says, he will make a player if we can oil his joints. He showed promise in the Eliz. City Jr. Varsity games and has since been promoted to the varsity.

Our Junior Varsity deserves some mention; they are working hard to be able to fill the vacancies which will come up next year. They are: Forwards, Robert Nelson, Dalton Council, Edward Briley, Bradley Gray. Centers, William Whitehurst, Larry Tetterton, and Guards, Fred Pollard, B. B. Tetterton, Albert Whichard, and Bill Latham.

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Good luck and best wishes
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Geraldine W.

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a nice principal, you are wonderful man and
I will never forget playing basketball for you.
I have always admired ~~you~~ you as a man.
Thanks for all the things you gave me
while I was in high school.
your center - John N.

Mr. Latham:

I can hardly express
my feelings for having
you as a helper and
instructor for the past
years. Your kindness
has been unending and
I can assure you it
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I hope to be here next
year and near Bethel
in the years to come!
Best wishes in future
years.

Sincerely,

Marion W.

Mr. Latham

I have enjoyed how you
to guide me through high
school and show me the
bright way to go. I
will all my, remember
you as a good principal.

Dalton W.

Mr. Latham,

I can truly say that I have enjoyed
these years in high school. I will always
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go to games with you. I think you are
a very nice man and lots of success
in the future.

Sincerely

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I have enjoyed
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I hope to see you next
year.

Best wishes
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guidance of a person like
you.
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Alice Eburne

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It has certainly been
a pleasure having had
you as a teacher and
principal. Thanks for
everything.
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Lecky

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It has certainly been a
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has a principal and a
teacher. May the best of
everything always be yours.
I'm looking forward to
next year.
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Rollins

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I have enjoyed
having you as principal.
Best of luck.
Joyce Wilson

Mr. Latham,
I think you are a very
nice principal. I hope to see
you next year.
Claire

They are certainly
fortunate to have such
a person as you as
our principal. They are all
mighty proud of you and
I'm glad to say I will
will you as principal.
Sincerely yours,
Joanne C.

Mr. Lathan,
I have enjoyed
my high school years
having you as principal.
I'm looking forward to
next year, a friend
Audrey G.

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Mr. Lathan,
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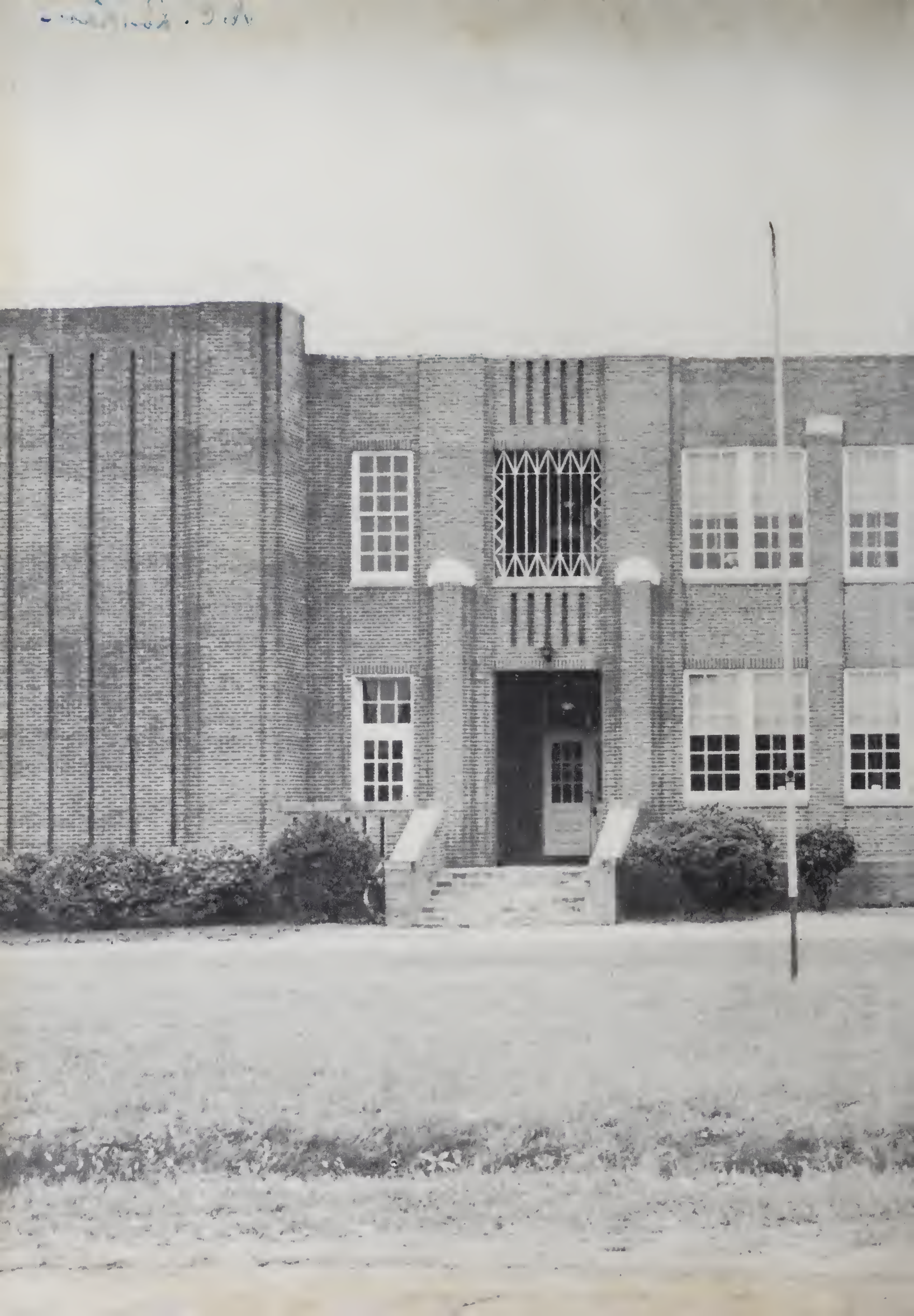
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